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RMB to Sheppard for pass to Gen Ritland

1. On 30 Apr prior receipt ref I discussed problems raised in ref w/Mr. Richard Horner. From his office I called Gen Schriever and made urgent request that Col Sheppard be left on duty at AFBMD at least for few months to handle COR business. I explained this request not based on conversation with Col Shep or Gen Rit but on reports of my associates that we saw no way in which COR business cld be handled securely and effectively within AFBMD upon departure Col Sheppard.

2. Gen Schriever expressed sympathy this problem and.....

take over these responsibilities.

D. That transaction of business between my Hqs and AFBMD will be intolerably difficult in absence single qualified officer in AFBMD with responsibility and authority to handle and expedite COR business.

4. Urgently request Gen Ritland give consideration this matter in preparation next mtg with Schriever. If possible request Gen. Ritland's views on possible solution ~~NTL~~ 5 May so RMB can comment prior departure on 6 May for 5 day business trip. Cannot overemphasize importance this matter for success COR.

5. Re Col Sheppard's recommendation on commo, concur our commo office cannot deal directly [Redacted] or DISCOVERER Office at least until new arrangements worked out. Accordingly will cease sending messages to AFBMD on 5 May and have so instructed [Redacted] Plan dispatch rep from here soonest work out new procedure.

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6. Wish express my grt grat and apprec outstanding svcs rendered by Shep. Still hopeful we can keep few mos. longer.....